

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the third paragraph on page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

In a final step of the process, the highly linear alkyl benzene 50 with linearity greater than 92% is introduced to a sulphonation reactor 56 and sulphonated using sulphuric acid, oleum or sulphur trioxide. Sulphur trioxide is currently the preferred process. The sulphonation process results in the formation of highly linear alkyl benzene sulphonates 58.